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Research Areas: Philosophy, Theology, Methods in Moral Theology, Catholic Social Teaching, African Economic Ethics, Ethical/Moral Issues in Blood Transfusion Medicine.

University Degrees/Certificates

- **PhD Candidate** in Theological and Social Ethics (TSE), Fordham University, 2017--
- **Theological Masters, Th.M.** St John's School of Theology, Collegeville, MN, USA
(Awarded by John's University, MN, USA 2017)
 - ❖ Thesis directed by Dr. Kathryn Cox. Topic: *A Theological Retrieval of Communal Parenting as a Moral Response to Baby Stealing and Childlessness in Nigeria.*
- Long Distance Learning Certificate in *Theology of the Body*, University of Notre Dame, 2013
- **Master of Arts, M.A. Theology**, Dominican Institute, Ibadan, Nigeria
(Awarded by Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit, Pittsburgh, PA, USA 2009)
 - ❖ Dissertation directed by Dr. Benedict Faneye, OP. Topic: *Ethical/ Moral Issues in Blood Transfusion Medicine in the Nigerian Healthcare System.*
- **Bachelor of Theology, B.Th.**, Dominican Institute, Ibadan, Nigeria
(Awarded by Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas -- Angelicum, Rome, Italy 2005)
 - ❖ Long Essay directed by Dr. Ignatius Madumere, OP. Topic: *The Option for the Natural Cycles as a means of Birth Control in Humanae Vitae: A Secular Humanist Appraisal.*
- **Bachelor of Arts, B.A. Philosophy**, Dominican Institute, Ibadan, Nigeria (Awarded by University of Ibadan 2001)
 - ❖ Long Essay directed by Dr. Jude Mbukanma, OP. Topic: *The Art of Rhetoric in Aristotle: Its Relevance in Contemporary Politics.*
- **Diploma** in French Language, Chanelle French School (Lagos, Nigeria 2015)
- **Certificate** in Redemptorist Spirituality and History (Rome 2012)
- **Diploma** in Data Processing and Desktop Publishing as well as Information Management and Presentation, Lagos 2014 (6 months course)
- **Participation Certificate** in Wealth Ways Seminar, Enugu 2007 (Stock Market: The Theory, The Practice, Smart Investing, Creating wealth from it). Packaged by Noble and Elbrite Ltd in collaboration with MICROMEDIA)

Faculty Assignments and Teaching Experience

- Instructor of "Faith and Critical Reason" course at Fordham University, (Fall 2019-)
- Part-time Lecturer teaching "Eucharist" and "Christology" (SS Peter and Paul Major Seminary, Ibadan, Nigeria, 2009-2010)

Publications and Presented Works

- Presented paper at the Forty-first Annual Claremont Philosophy of Religion Conference, California, February 6th to 8th, 2020 entitled *The Igbo Apprenticeship System (Imu-Ahia) and Anthropological Solidarity:*
 - *Reimagining Common Good and Autonomy in Africa's Economic Context.*
- Presented poster at the Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church Conference (CTEWC), Sarajevo, 26th July to July 29th, 2018 entitled *Theological Ethics at the Crossroads of Multiple Issues in Nigeria: An Eclectic*

Approach

- Presented paper at the Catholic Theological Association of Nigeria (CATHAN) International conference, Benin city, Nigeria, 8th April 2015 entitled *Religious Formation: Training 21st Century Religious to Better Respond to Childlessness and Adoption in Nigerian Families*.
- Article Author. "The Joy of Knowing Oneself through the Enneagram," in the *Sacred Hearts College Chronicles*, Vol 1, pg.67 (Lagos: Sacred Hearts College, 2013)
- Editor. *Redemptorists: Twenty-Five Years of Tireless Work in Nigeria*, (Lagos 2012) [unpublished completed work for internal use]
- Edited and reviewed *Ratio Formationis, A Manual of Formation for Redemptorists of Nigeria* (Lagos 2012) [unpublished completed work for internal use]
- Article Author. "The Effects of the Proliferation of Churches on the Christian Unity in Nigeria: Causes, Challenges and Solutions" in *National Association of Catholic Theology Students (NACATHS) Journal of African Theology*, Vol 13. (Port Harcourt; National Association Catholic Theology Students (NACATHS), April 2003) pp. 62-65.
- Article Author. "Alternative Medicine Vis-à-vis Trado-Medicare: What Implications for the Church's Moral Orthodoxy?" in *National Association of Catholic Theology Students (NACATHS) Journal of African Theology*, Vol 15. (Port Harcourt; National Association Catholic Theology Students (NACATHS), Year is April 2005) pp. 33-39.

Other Projects

- Chair, Redemptorist Electoral Commission (2010)
- Founder/Coordinator, since 2013, I-Care (St Alphonsus Church, Lagos, Nigeria), which comprises a group of volunteers who are trained in *Sacraments, Church history, Personality profile, Temperaments, Marketing, Etiquette and manners, Leadership, Marriage and sexuality* etc, to foster evangelization and ministry in the Church and its immediate environment.
- Administrative secretary, Redemptorist Vice Province of Nigeria (2013-2015)
- Spirituality and language organizer; for example, teaching the English language, giving retreats and spiritual talks at religious convents, church groups and parishes (2009-2015)
- Director of Formation, Philosophy and Theology Students (Redemptorist Formation House, Ibadan, Nigeria 2008-2012)
- Founder/Coordinator, since 2008, of Truelife Konsult of Nigeria (TLK), which trains a broad spectrum of people, especially youth, on self-improvement through workshops on physical and emotional health.
- Workshop Organizer, *Forming the Formators*, Anglophone Redemptorists in Africa.
- Workshop Organizer, *Teenage Psychology and Professional Boundaries for Caregivers*, for St Francis Jesuit high school staff (Lagos, Nigeria 2014).
- Workshop Organizer, *Privatization of Refineries and Social Justice*, Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria, PENGASSAN, South Africa, 2014.
- Workshop Organizer, *Influencing Skills, Assertiveness and Personality Types in Negotiation*, Crude Oil Marketing Division (COMD) NNPC (Dubai, October 2013); National Petroleum Investment Management Services, NAPIMS (Dubai, December 2013)
- Workshop Organizer, *Strategic Leadership: Leadership, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution*, NAPIMS (Dubai, September 2015)
- Workshop Organizer, *Enneagram* for parishes, university groups, novitiates, seminaries, school staff, apostolic groups, high schools, youth centers (Lagos, Akwa Ibom, Owerri, Abuja, Nigeria 2008-2015).
- Workshop Organizer, *You're Ok, Am Ok, a Transactional Analysis*, for religious & seminarians, Ibadan, 2010.

- Workshop Organizer, *Nutrition and Health: You're What you Eat*, workshop for religious, Ibadan 2009/2010.
- Workshop Organizer, *Healing the Wounded Emotions*, religious Formators Association of Nigeria, FAN, Western Zone.
- Workshop Organizer, *Leadership in the Religious Community*, for superiors and seminarians (Lagos, Nigeria).
- Workshop Organizer, *Leadership and Management*, for nuns and Major seminarians, Ibadan, Nigeria.
- Workshop Organizer, *Fitness Exercises*, for religious in formation (2006-2014)

Professional Associations, Awards, and Languages

- Member of the American Academy of Religion
- Member of CATHAN, the Catholic Theological Association of Nigeria
- Recipient of Udo Keller Stiftung *Forum Humanum Claremont Conference Grant 2020*
- Best paper presentation award National Association of Catholic Theology Students, NACATHS (2006)
- Certificate of Excellence sports (soccer) at the All Seminaries Games (Makurdi 2006).
- Conversational French and Spanish
- Speak Igbo (native language), speak Yoruba (language of one of the major Nigerian tribe) as well as a fair speakership of Tswana (language of a major South African tribe)
- Have a fair reading and speaking knowledge of French and Spanish
- Reading knowledge of Greek, Hebrew, Latin, and German languages

Other Skills

Hobbies: Driving, play soccer, basketball, volleyball, badminton and table tennis, creating family projects, writing, movies, beach sidewalks.

Computer Skills

- Computer Appreciation, Windows
- Internet research, MS Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Access),
- CORELDRAW, PAGEMAKER
- Use of digital camera, scanners, printers, projectors.
- Creative writing (took a course on creative writing at St John's University, MN)

REFERENCES

1. Dr. Charles Bobertz

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2. Dr. Benedict Faneye, OP.

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3. Dr. Kathryn Lilla Cox

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